

WE ALL NEED RESCUING

Romans 3:1-20

Different groups – the bad news

a. The pagan Gentile – 1:18-32

“I will do what I feel like”

b. The moral person – 2:1-16

“I am trying my hardest”

c. The Jew – 2:17-3:8

“I am immune from God’s judgment”

1. A great privilege – 3:1,2

It is a wonderful privilege to be able to see:-

- a. What God is like
- b. How God relates to us

Do not despise your privilege

Do not presume on your privilege

2. Attacking God's character – v.3-8

a. God is always faithful to his word – v.3,4

He will bless obedience – Dt.28:1-14

He judges disobedience – Dt.28:15-28

Therefore choose life or death – Dt.30:11-20

The Cross shows us God's faithfulness – Lk.24:45-47; Acts 3:18

b. God is just in all he does – v.5-8

The Cross shows us the justice of God – Rom.3:26

3. Silent before the Judge – v.9-20

- a. The charge – all under sin's power – v.9,10
- b. The pervasiveness of sin – v.11-18
- c. Silent before God – v.19,20

4. Responding to the diagnosis

a. Do you accept the diagnosis?

- agree with it and look for the cure
- recognize the power of sin

b. Have you received the cure? – Rom.1:1-5

- presented to us in the Bible – v.1,2
- found in Jesus Christ – v.3,4
- producing the “obedience of faith” – v.5